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### Collector's Notices.

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### Special Notice to Subscribers.

We renew the liberal offer made to our subscribers last year, of which we will take immediate advantage, viz:

All persons in arrears who will send us the amount now due, at the rate of \$1 per year and two dollars in addition, shall receive credit for all past indebtedness, and for a year's subscription in advance. This offer to stand open until the 1st of January, 1872. All payments made at this office, or by mail, or to our authorized agents previous to the date above stated, will be credited in accordance with the terms above.

### Romanist Missions among Negroes.

The cable informs us that on the 13th inst., there sailed from England four Catholic priests who are to labor for the conversion of the negroes in the United States. That Protestant England should send a Romanist mission is indeed a novel idea, and the supporters of the collection, as one would suppose, are in the history, especially in American local history, and in England and New England generally. Of greatest value however, are his own manuscript papers, particularly the collection, all minutely indexed, gathered by him while preparing his history of Portland, and his work on the Lawyers of Maine, the notes and addenda to the latter forming a large mass of information, and worthy of insertion in a new edition of that work. The student of Maine history will long continue to consult this collection, much of which is now lost, when he was eloquent over the rarity of this volume and the value of that—but to look at them now silent, like their former possessor, and in a place where strange hands would handle them, was another matter; and we looked them over not without a feeling of sadness. But they are in the custody of a judicious and appreciative society, and are no doubt disposed where he would have them. There are probably two or three thousand in all—possibly less—the strength of the collection, as one would suppose, being in the hands of the enterprise, which is to be had in the hands of a class of readers too young to fully understand the good advice and profit by it, and yet old enough to have their minds influenced by those portions upon which the mind always seizes, which are invariably to be read and studied in connection with the higher and weightier truth Christian writers on the subject aim to inculcate. From looking at this book very carefully, however, we are led to believe it is prepared by a subject who understands the delicate yet vital subject he is discussing, and that it is written in the interest of morality and religion. Young men need the correct information it contains, and they all need to have enforced the lessons of morality and virtue to be found in its pages. It is well illustrated, and we are happy to note void of illustrations. The manner of its sale will place the book in the hands of those who could not obtain it from booksellers, and we sincerely hope, good will follow in every case where it is read through, and its truth practiced.

THE CATHOLIC MISSIONS will not dismiss this little item of news as a matter of no importance. It is full of significance. Amongst all the religions of the world, and amongst all sects of Christians, Romanism stands pre-eminent for achievement in the field of missionary work. In the amount of treasure expended, the breadth of the field comprehended in its efforts, and the number of its workers and converts, it is unrivaled. In patient devotion to the cause of love, its missionaries have had no equals. The Christian religion is emphatically distinguished above all others by the method of its propagation. Its early history is, like its later, full of the most heroic efforts on the part of its priesthood to hold the converts of the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

The Roman church, for many centuries the mother church of the nations, was the agency through which the work of propagation was carried on.

Teachers' INSTITUTE, 1871. We learn from the State Superintendent that this week closes the institute season for the present year. More than forty institutes, have been held with an attendance of teachers nearly reaching four thousand. The work commenced the first of August, and every week since that time one or more institutes have been held in the State. Heretofore the institutes have generally been under the charge of some experienced educator from another State; this year, the experience has been tried of using home talent entirely—the object being to develop our own.

The experience has been in the main very successful, the work being done chiefly by the county supervisors and the State Superintendent. Teachers in the day seasons, and parents at the evening lectures, generally agree that the instruction given has been of special application to the common school and invaluable to the community. Two more institutes are proposed for the benefit of our higher grades of school, to be held in Saco, Portland, Lewiston or Bangor. The whole expense of the institutes will not exceed \$4000. The appropriation made was \$8000.

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THE violent northeasterly storm which commenced on Tuesday night lasted and continued through Wednesday and Wednesday night, did great damage to the railroads of Massachusetts and Maine. A large portion of the Eastern railroad was severed, and so badly washed by the high tides, that the trains were interrupted for several hours. The removal of some of the regular trains being entirely suspended for the time. Two steamship on Wednesday afternoon, while the train which left Boston 12:15, was slowly feeling its way, a section of the track which was under water, gave way, throwing the tender from the track and causing a friend named James Burns, to death.

On the Maine Central a wash-out occurred just below Hallowell, and the Pullman night train for Boston, which passed that point about 12 o'clock Wednesday night, met with an accident there, which, providentially, was not fatal. The engine passed over the track, and the tender was pulled off the track, but leaving the engine on the track. The baggage car was thrown on its side, all the luggage on the passenger car and Pullman sleeping cars but the last two cars, being somewhat injured. Conductor Eaton remained with the train, and the platform was set up on the roof, and a seat was made for him. The engine passed over the track, and the tender was pulled off the track, but leaving the engine on the track. The baggage car was thrown on its side, all the luggage on the passenger car and Pullman sleeping cars but the last two cars, being somewhat injured. Conductor Eaton remained with the train, and the platform was set up on the roof, and a seat was made for him. 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## Foreign News.

### Latest from Europe.

#### GREAT BRITAIN.

London, Nov. 16. The rate of discount of the Bank of England is reduced to 4 per cent. It is generally thought that the weekly return of the Bank of England will show an increase of 1 per cent.

Heavy gales prevailed all day yesterday and last night around the British coasts. Severe casualties to shipping are reported, but no American vessels are yet mentioned.

A terrible explosion occurred in a battery at Wapping, London. The people rushed from their houses and a panic prevailed in the town. The sound of the explosion was heard in the country around for a distance of several miles, and on some of which, when the explosion took place, the drivers of the working gongs were withdrawn, or the loss of life would have been appalling. Six men were killed and possibly one or two more victims will be found. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

The Chicago, now ready at the Mansion House, London, now reaches £48,350. J. S. Morgan & Co. have received £23,125 for Chicago and £1161 for firewood.

A number of American vessels were at sea between two supposed American vessels, the Ella Morton, or Norton, and the Agnes Campbell. The latter was so badly injured that she sank. No further particulars.

The Agnes Campbell, from England to America, said to have been

all clear of fuel, ran into a half cent per pound, and was said to have been "as fine as any" when they had started.

More than £100,000 more stock than were

expected.

Mr. McLeod states officially that he attended the Queen for over thirteen years. He declares that the reports that Her Majesty has shown symptoms of mental weakness are unfounded by him.

The Standard announces that the negotiations between the British and French governments for the modification of the commercial treaty have been broken off. No cause is assigned.

The Princess Louise is reported enciente.

FRANCE.

Paris, Nov. 15. The trial of Blanqui will begin before the court-martial at Versailles.

Ferry has dissolved the Municipal Council at Ajaccio and left Corsica.

The French ministry are reported to be considering the question of sending Favre to Gt. Britain.

Paris, Nov. 18. A decree has been issued suspending the publication of newspapers *Le Journal* and *Le Pays*, for printing articles insulting to the government.

The trial of the *Journal* has been created for a more rapid and effectual disposition of the large number of cases of communistic prisoners still remaining to be tried.

Gambetta made his expected speech at St. Quentin last night. The town was disorderly, and he had to speak in an audience of public opinion.

He assured his hearers that no danger at present menaced the existence of a republic, but reforms were necessary to confirm it, and the people must set at legislation to that end, not at rebellion.

The citizens should take a more active and practical interest in political affairs and make their influence felt in the government of the country, and to give their power to the National Republican party.

Paris, Nov. 18. A secret society for dark mixed Republicans has been formed.

At 8:30 a.m. per prime;

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#### GERMANY.

Berlin, Nov. 15. The Provincial correspondence of the official paper to-day says the retirement of Count Von Brest from the Chancellorship of the Austrian Empire and Ministry of Foreign Affairs have no effect upon relations between Prussia and Austria, the friendliness of which is to be maintained.

The trial by court-martial of the parties accused of the assassination of Gen. Tito and Leonidas was adjourned.

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